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UNSPOKEN INFLUENCE

The current issue of the magazine, U. S. News and World Report features a lengthy interview with Virginia's Senior Senator, Harry Flood Byrd. The interview concerns the political decisions to be made in the Democratic Party and in the South in next year's party conventions and election.

A splendid picture of Senator Byrd appears on the front cover of this magazine. Apparantly the picture was taken in the senator's office. At any rate he is seated at a desk, and in the background is a mantle. Across the mantle is a row of pictures. It is impossible to make out the likenesses—pictures of those Senator Byrd cherishes most and displays in this manner— but one of them one can make out very readily. On the end of the mantle is a picture of the late State Senator Samuel Lewis Ferguson, of Appomattox.

When we saw this cover picture, your editor could not refrain from reflecting that the eminence of Senator Lyrd is due in some measure to the sound political tutorship of Mr. Ferguson. There was a time in Virginia when Sam Ferguson dominated the political thought of his party. And it was at this very moment that young Harry Byrd came down to the State Senate and grew in leadership until he went to the governor's mansion and thence to the United States Senate. We recall an occasion when Mr. Ferguson introduced Harry Byrd as: "upright, downright and all right." It is needless for our readers to have this point amplified. It is enough to see Sam Ferguson's picture in the background to catch the point that the influence of one of Appomattox's most prominent citizens marches on.

EDITORIAL PAGES

One of our esteemed exchanges, The Winchester, Va., Star, lists what impresses it as the most outstanding editorial pages of the nation. Omitting Virginia newspapers, The Star lists:

1. Wall Street Journal
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
3. Baltimore Sun
4. Cleveland Plain-Dealer
5. Washington Evening Star
6. Kansas City Star
7. New York Herald-Tribune
8. Tulsa (Okla.) World
9. San Francisco Chronicle
10. The New York Times.

It is an impressive list. We are acquainted with most of these editorial pages, and read four of them almost daily. We think that the New York Times belongs higher up on the list, and we would like to add two more:

The Christian Science Monitor

The Milwaukee Journal.

It is a tribute to the standards of American journalism that many of our newspapers have subscribers in distant sections of the nation, who sacrifice to find the subscription price because they feel they profit by getting the viewpoint of that particular paper. Not like the lady who was asked: Why don't you take The New York Times? She replied: I don't know anyone in New York!

It is worthwhile to read many editorial pages, to broaden one's viewpoint and seek a truly national picture of public affairs.

CONCRETE AND CONGRESS

(From Business Week)

The du Pont chief engineer who said he couldn't both pour concrete and attend congressional inquiries hit a note that echoes. Branville Read's protest was that the hydrogen plant he was building for the atomic energy commission would be slowed if he spent too much time telling congress how du Pont hires workers.

Read has a good case. But the plain truth is that business and government are so thrown together on occasion when Mr. Ferguson introduced Harry Byrd as: "upright, downright and all right." It is needless for our readers to have this point amplified. It is enough to see Sam Ferguson's picture in the background to catch the point that the influence of one of Appomattox's most prominent citizens marches on now that they must work out details as well as major policies.

On matters like taxes, labor and legislation, business is reconciled to spending time and money, Congressional hearings are now becoming another big time taker. Junior executives may dig out the figures and prepare draft statements, but no company can afford to send to hearings less than its best brains. This costs real money and the valuable time of key company men.

What can business do about it? Du Pont, like every other company, is under obligation to tell its story when asked. But congress, after all, is the active party in the matter. Its responsible leaders must restrain members who conduct hearings for their own political glory or pervert them for private or party publicity purposes. There lies the only real hope for bettering this bothersome situation.

Spare Do. and Risk. a Life?

(From Milwaukee Journal)

A woman writes to us bitterly about "hit and run" motorists who kill dogs on the street. She calls them heartless. She cites the case of the motorist who didn't even stop to investigate or offer apology after killing her son's dog that was accompanying the boy across the street.

But motorists have a case against dogs that run out into the traffic lanes. Some dogs do that because they are allowed to roam, even where that is illegal. Some dogs will do it when "accompanying" their master, unless kept on a leash. And every one of them may cause sudden danger to human beings.

Just the other night we saw three cars lock bumpers when a dog dashed out into the street and a motorist stopped abruptly to avoid hitting it. It could have been much worse and many such accidents are.

A careful motorist, himself a dog lover, must sometimes choose between hitting a dog in the street or risking an accident that might involve serious injury to himself and others.

Dog owners should avoid allowing their pets to run out in the highway not only to save their dogs but —more importantly—to save human beings. That applies not only to city dog owners but to farmers whose dogs dash out barking at passing cars.

There would be fewer cherished pets hurt or killed, fewer accidents and near accidents, less cause for fright and sorrow and apologies, if the dog owners would do their part.

FREIGHT RATE INCREASE GIVE VA. ADVANTAGE

Virginia potato and apple growers, in competition with western and northwestern states, stand to benefit by the several general increases in freight rates that have taken place during the past few years.

Dr. J. L. Marton, agricultural economist at VPI, points out that the freight rate from Bakersfield, Calif. (a point of keen competition in potato production) to New York City has increased 48c to $1.75 per 100 pounds since June, 1946. This increase is almost equal to the present rate from certain Virginia points to New York City, and gives potato growers in this state an additional 22 1-2c per 100 pounds advantage in sales in New York City.

Dr. Maxton believes Virginia early potato growers probably should plan a 10 per cent increase for 1952, with about half planted to Cobblers, and the other half to Sebagos, Katahdins, Kennebecs, etc.

The freight rate per 100 pounds of apples from Washington and California to New York City has increased by 63c to $1.98. The increase gives Virginia growers a 36c advantage in sales in New York. Also the crop of winter apples in the west is short for marketing out of storage in 1952. This should result in some increase in price to Virginia apple growers after winter marketing gets underway.

These freight rate increases can be of considerable benefit to Virginia growers of early potatoes and winter apples if they will put up a pack comparable to that from competing areas, Dr. Maxton believes.

Marketing in the peak of condition will mean further benefits, he says.

Apples should be moved out of storage before any breakdown is evident. "The custom of waiting until softening occurs, and then rushing them on the market is a deplorable practice — follow the market and ship some apples from month to month holding the best keepers until last," Dr. Maxton advises.

LABOR-SAVING IDEAS ADVANCED BY ENGINEERS

Labor-saving ideas advanced by agricultural engineers at V. P. I. may help you do winter feeding more efficiently.

The engineers say to see that your feed racks are placed conveniently near your grain and hay storage. The type of hay racks and feed mangers also are important if animals are to consume all their feed without wasting it.

If you have a two-story barn, see that the openings in the hay mow floor are large enough to permit quick movement of hay to the feed manger. A portable feed cart will cut down the time it takes to move silage and concentrates. Try to keep feed alleys clear of loose feed and large enough for free movement. Keep enough space in the feed room for a 10-to 14 day supply of mixed feeds.

An electrically - operated "silo unloader" is on the market. No more climbing into the silo each time you need silage. Just the flip of a switch, and down comes the silage.

Conveyor belts or chains are now being used by many Virginia farmers to move silage from the silo to the feed room and manger. The engineers say these conveyors are real labor-savers.

Homemakers' Items

It's good economy to buy well-constructed washable sweaters.

And here are some tips on washing sweaters: Use a mild soap and lukewarm water. Quick drying is important. Don't wash when the label says the dyes are colorfast. The chief cause of woolen shrinkage is water too hot and excessive rubbing. Squeeze suds through garments, rather than rub.

Wash sweaters free.ently. Do not soak. For soiled portions around collars or cuffs, apply soap directly, rub and squeeze gently.

Rinse thoroughly in lukewarm water. Dry quickly. Roll in clean bath towel, kneading to remove excess water. Unroll at once. Insert dry towel or tissue paper between back and front of garment. Place sweater on dry towel, then shape to size as it dries.

Home laundering ideas have undergone considerable change.

Out of date, for example, are the practices of soaking clothing for hours, bleaching by the bottleful, bluing without discretion, starching stiff as a board.

Such practices are not followed because they are not needed; and because they are damaging to garments. Over-washing does not make clothes cleaner. Instead it tends to deposit soil after about 15 minutes' washing time. Over-washing is really over-wearing clothes, wastes time and electricity, and adds to wear on the washing machine.

Over-night soaking is outmoded, too. Twenty minutes' soaking time is generally enough for maximum soil removal. Long soaking in a bleach solution weakens fibers.

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PAMPLIN VICINITY

The Rev. J. P. Hackney preached a splendid sermon here at the Baptist Sunday, which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Ramsey, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Wilkerson, of Lexington called to see Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Peters and family, of Petersburg visited her father, D. B. Williams during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Finchum called to see Mrs. Juddy Glover during the week-end.

Miss Lois Hubbard, of Richmond, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard.

Those who called to see Mr. and Mrs. Glover Baldwin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Layne and daughter, Gayle; Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Wilkerson, Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson, Mrs. Juddy Glover and daughter, Bessie Ann, and Howard Layne.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis spent the week-end in Kenbridge visiting friends.

Miss Elnora Glover was the Saturday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Finchum, of Farmville.

Mrs. Clarence Simmons, Mrs. Jessie Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son, James Allen, Mr. Divolo Garrett, John Garrett and son, James all called to see Mrs. Green Garrett during the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Baldwin and son, Freddie are visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Lingo, of Johnson, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Roberts, of Tuggle called to see Mr. and Mrs Walker Webber Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace F. Baldwin and son, Kirk, of Farmville; Mrs. W. C. Sprouse and Lindy Sue, of Sprouse's Corner all visited Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Baldwin during the week-end.

Those who called to see Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cumby during the past week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cumby, of Crewe and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby.

Mr. and Mrs. Linford Cumby and daughter were visiting relatives in Richmond Sunday.

Spring Mills

Spring Mills, Dec. 4.- Mrs. G. E. Owen, of Lynchburg is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Owen and daughter, Sandra, of Lynchburg, visited in the homes of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Owen and Mr. and Mrs. James Ford on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ford and children, Donna Grey and Dennis, of Richmond spent the week-end in the home of his mother, Mrs. Carrie Ford and brother, James Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lee called in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Monroe Sunday evening.

Sonny Nash, who was badly mangled in a hay baler some time ago and who was taken from Lynchburg to a Richmond hospital for further treatment, is reported to be getting on very well.

Rebecca Owen, of Washington, D. C., who was called home on account of the death of her father, G. E. Owen, has returned to Washington.

Mrs. T. A. Canada was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Lucy Joy recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wood and child, of New York, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Tibbs.

Mrs. Sue Harvey and daughter, Betty Jean visited friends in Victoria recently.

Mrs. John Belling and daughter, Mrs. Sue Caldwell have returned after visiting friends in Ohio.

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Two soldiers are killed when car hits tree in King William County.

Germans are invited to debate Reich elections.

Gladstone

Gladstone, Dec. 4.- Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamilton and children visited relatives in Appomattox during the week-end.

C. C. Downs and son, C. C. Downs, Jr., and Joseph Zelensky, of Newport News are spending several days here with R. L. Brown and H. W. Brown and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Capelle, of Roanoke were week-end guests of Mrs. B. M. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas and A. A. Thomas, of Richmond spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McAlister motored to Blackstone today to attend the wedding of their son, R. W. McAlister, Jr., to Miss Effie Pugh.

Oakville

Oakville, Dec. 5.- The Red Oak Baptist Church will give its annual Christmas Pageant, "The Promised One," Friday night, December 21, at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Martin and Mary Frances Harris attended the U. C. T. annual games party Saturday night in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burcher spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman.

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